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Funding available for projects that protect source water *Division of Water accepting proposals through March 1*

Frankfort, Ky. (Jan. 7, 2015) – The Kentucky Division of Water (DOW) is making available assistance funds to help communities pay for source water protection projects that will help prevent drinking water contamination. The funds are available to public water systems as well as the entities they serve. Each project should remain at \$60,000 or below.

“The goal of the funding program is to make money available for small projects that can be accomplished in a relatively short period of time,” said Jessica Moore, of the division’s wellhead protection program. “We are encouraging public water systems, towns, cities, counties and even schools to propose a new project, or complete a current project, that will help protect the drinking water sources utilized by their public water systems.”

Examples of possible projects include, but are not limited to, capping unused or abandoned water wells, installing best management practices, or implementing management strategies previously identified in a wellhead or source water protection plan.

Communities are not required to provide matching funds or in-kind services in order to receive funding. Communities or public water systems receive this money outright to complete their projects.

Supplemental funding contributions, including in-kind resources, will be taken into consideration during application evaluation, and the division is encouraging partnerships to implement source water protection.

Applications, guidance documents and other information are available online at <http://water.ky.gov/groundwater/Pages/SWPAssistanceProgram.aspx>.

Proposals must be submitted to DOW before March 1, 2015, for consideration. Completion of the full application is not required until the applicant has been notified by DOW that its project has been tentatively selected for funding.

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